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PRESIDENT LEAVES

MERRIE ENGLAND

Say Farewells to

Americans.

Leave for Rome Visit

Tomorrow.

LONDON, December 31.-President

and Mrs. Wilson left Victoria station

at 9:18 o'clock this morning on a spe-

cial train en route to France. King

George and Queen Mary and the Duke

of Connaught accompanied Mr. and

Premier Lloyd George was on the

Crowds Stand in Bain.

liam Palace to the station and cheered

Band Plays "Over There."

As Queen Mary and Mrs. Wilson, fol-

way to the royal saloon, which was beautifully december the flowers, the

Wilson. Others who traveled on the presidential train to Dover were Col. S. L. H. Slocum, J. Butler Wright and Herbert C. Hoover.

Queen Mary and Mrs. Wilson carried on an animated conversation to the last moment, President Wilson having to call Mrs. Wilson's attention to the fact that the train was pulling out.

Trip to Rome Plans.

liminary conferences may then be in sight and the preliminary organiza-tion work of the American peace mis-sion will have been completed.

King George presented a magnifi-cently bound and illustrated history of Windsor Castle to President Wilson as a birthday gift, according to the

Rough Trip Was Indicated.

diately on the cross-channel trip.

The morning was cold and raw, with a sharp east wind whipping the channel into whitecaps, indicating that the crossing was likely to be a rough one. Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather conditions, however, both President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson remained on the bridge of the Brighton until the steamer left her pier. They smiled and waved farewells to those on shore, while the band played "The Star Spangled Banner."

On their arrival on the platform of

unable to attend in person.
Others in the receiving party were
Rear Admiral Cecil F. Dampier, Maj.
Gen. J. Colin MacKenzie and the Marquess of Camden. They accompanied
the presidential party to the pier,
where President Wilson shook hands
all around and expressed his appreciation for the arrangements made
for his reception.
As the Brighton passed out of the
harbor her naval escort took position

harbor her naval escort took position on either side, accompanying her to midchannel, where French destroyers took over the task.

Crisis Not to Detain.

PARIS, December 31.—The plans for the departure of President Wilson

for Rome on Wednesday night will not be affected by the crisis in the Italian cabinet. The cabinet situa-tion in Rome is said to be purely po-

litical and outside the range of the

To Start for Italy Wednesday.

It was a dark and rainy morning, but

Mrs. Wilson to the station.

Irish Guard played.

it left the station.

By the Associated Press.

ROUGH TRIP FORECAST

COUNTLESS RUSS LIVES MAY STILL BE SAVED

American Railway Men in Siberia Should Be Given a Chance to Reorganize Lines.

FOR CONTINENT Cablegram to The Evening Star and Chicago Daily News. Copyright, 1918. PEKING, China, December 30.-Count ess lives can yet be saved in Russia King and Queen at Station to this winter if the American railway men now in Siberia are allowed quickly to reorganize the lines. The question is not one of politics, but of plain humanity. By next spring if this aid is not given scores of thousands of men, women and children will be dead needlessly Every competent observer here believes this, and today the highest authority on Siberia, the engineer, John Stevens, said: "It is true that Russia's calamity can be alleviated greatly if the railway men are given their chance. The railways are at the heart of the whole matter. The whole patient departments of the said o ON ENGLISH CHANNEL ter. The whole nation depends on them and until their tangle is straightened out nothing else can be done. This needs to be done very soon."

As a matter of fact this should have New Year Day to Be Spent in Paris. been done months ago, for now every day of delay means a toll of lives and suffering. America is losing prestige in Russia's eyes all the time.

platform and saw the President and his wife depart. The Scots Guards formed Soldiers' Council Said to the guard of honor and the band of the **Have Confiscated Incrim-**Among those who were at the station were Gen. Sir William R. Robertson, Vice Admiral W. S. Sims, John W. Davis, the American ambassador, and Lady Reading. Mrs. Wilson chatted with Queen Mary and shook hands with all present as the train pulled out, the king and queen waving their handkerohiefs and the band playing as it left the station. inating Documents.

EISNER IS AGAINST EBERT

MUNICH, Monday, December 30 (by the Associated Press).-Seventeen prominent men, including one non-Bacrowds lined the streets from Buckingvarian duke, were arrested here last as the procession passed. President Wilson and King George were in the first carriage; Mrs. Wilson, Queen Mary and Princess Mary in the second, and members of the President's party and court officials were in the three other carriages. Mrs. Wilson's umbrella was raised on account of the rain, but she nodded and smiled to the crowds at the station. Mr. Wilson and King George inspected the guard while the band played "The Star Spangled Banner."

President and Mrs. Wilson bade farewell to King George, Queen Mary and Princess Mary in the waiting room and then took their leave of Premier Lloyd George, Andrew Bonar Law, Lord Robert Cecil and Sir Eric Geddes, who were at the station. evening by the police, assisted by twenty members of the local soldiers' council. The arrests caused a great sensation.

The men who were arrested were at one of the largest hotels in Munich and are said to have been engaged in a conference when the officers arrived. They say they were arranging for the recruiting of citizen soldiery, but the police accuse them of aiming an attack on "existing institutions." It is reported that they apparently attempted to destroy a number of incriminating documents which the police seized.

All but two of the men arrested were released. These are a Munich publisher and a banker who is con-sidered the ringleader in the alleged lowed by President Wilson and King George, left the waiting room on their The accused men have given out

The accused men have given out the statement in which they say that the citizen soldiery which they proposed to recruit was intended to protect the present government against reactionaries. Spartacus forces guard the public buildings and the bridge here. With Mr. and Mrs. Wilson en route With Mr. and Mrs. Wilson en route to Dover were Lord Herschell, Sir Charles Cust, John W. Davis, Vice Admiral W. S. Sims, Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson, Maj. Gen. John Biddle, Col. William W. Harts and Miss Edith Benham, secretary to Mrs. Wilson. Others who traveled on the

Council Discusses.

The incident occupied the attention today of the Bavarian soldiers, and workmen's council, which began meeting yesterday. Herr Auer, minister of the interior, who was himself trying to form a force of citizen soldiers, was interested in the plan which the arrested men say they were considering.

He was working in good faith, he

says, because he had information that the mob violence was threatened for New Year eve. Herr Auer, however, accompanied Premier Kurt President Wilson will go direct to Italy from Paris. He will leave Paris for Rome Wednesday night, arriving in the Italian capital Friday. Rome Eigner to Stuttgart to attend a conference there and permitted the mat-ter temporarily to get beyond his control.

in the Italian capital Friday. Rome is to be the only city in Italy the President will visit. He expects to be away from Paris a week, returning there a week from next Tuesday.

While in Rome the President will the president will the president will be a week from the President will the president will be a week from the President will the president will be a week from the presid while in Rome the President will be the guest of the Italian government. It seems certain now that he will visit Pope Benedict and also call at the Methodist College.

By the time the President returns to Paris from Italy the British delegates to the peace conference will have arrived, it is expected. The preliminary conferences may then be in livestigation of the incident of De-

ing his speech he pointed out that no investigation of the incident of December 8 had ever ben attempted, and declared that money secured from Berlin had been used in Munich to stir up mobs against constituted eatherity.

authority.

He declared that he had definite proof of a conspiracy to destroy voting lists so that the election fixed for January 12 would be impossible. The ministerial council has discussed a resolution by the soldiers and workmen's council demanding the resignation of Herr Auer from office. Some decision may be reached today. DOVER, England, December 31.—President Wilson and his party sailed from Dover to Calais at 11:20 o'clock this morning. The presidential train reached Dover at 11 o'clock and little time was lost in boarding the steamer Brighton, which set out almost immediately on the cross-channel trip.

Food Supply Conference.

MUNICH, December 31.-Kurt Eisner, the Bavarian premier, went to Stuttgart on Sunday to share in an important conference relative to food supplies. It is understood that ministers from all the southern German states are participating in the conference, which also will discuss the unity of the empire and south German demands for equal rights.

Eisner Against Ebert.

PARIS, December 31 (Havas).— Kurt Eisner, the premier of Bavaria, has sided with the independent so-cialists against Friedrich Ebert, the German premier, according to advices to the Petit Parisien.

Star Snangled Banner."
On their arrival on the platform of the station when the train reached here from London a guard of honor, consisting of a company of royal fusilliers and blue jackets from the Dover patrol, was lined up to greet the party. The President was received by Commander Boyle, secretray to Vice Admiral Sir Roger Keyes, Admiral Keyes being indisposed and unable to attend in person.
Others in the receiving party were RUMANIAN VOLUNTEERS **ADVANCING UPON KIEV**

CONSTANTINOPLE. December 31 (by the Associated Press).-A volunteer army and a French force are advancing from Rumania through Bes-sardbia toward Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, according to a report from Odessa received here.

NEW YEAR DAY

The Star will be issued to-morrow at 1:00 O'CLOCK.

Classified advertisements for tomorrow's paper must be sent to The Star office this evening or tomorrow morning before 10 o'clock.

BALANCE OF POWER **CLEMENCEAU URGES** MAY MEAN ALLIES

How Far Premier's Plan Differs From President's Is Held Conjectural.

POLICY OF CENTURY AGO

French Statesman's Idea Regarded as Not Necessarily Fostering Selfish National Ambitions.

Premier Clemenceau's announce adherence to what he terms "the old system of alliances called the balance of power" has attracted attention of students of diplomacy and history at

between Talleyrand and Louis XVIII Pallain says:

"Prince Talleyrand therefore acted like a statesman in declaring that the real strength of France, especially after her defeat, lay in her clearly expressed desire for the restoration and maintenance of peace. Recurring to the ideas of Voltaire and his 'Republique Europeenne,' at that moment he said (the words are reported by Baron de Gagern, who heard him utter them): 'We must be good Europeans and moderate. France ought to demand and does demand nothing, absolutely nothing, beyond a just redivision among the powers; that is to say, the balance of power.'

"A combination of the rights, the interests and the relations of the powers among themselves, by which Europe seeks to obtain:

ers.
"Secondly, that one or several other powers shall never attain to domination over Europe.

"Sales and the shall render a rupture of the established order and of the tranquillity of Europe difficult or impossible."

quence of history, that Talley and took his stand them to resist the dominating ambitions of Prussia—the same Prussia whose continued career of world conquest has brought about the coming congress of Versailles.

"He had discerned in the constitution of Prussia a principle of absorption and conquest," writes the compiler of the correspondence, "which must dispel any idea of an alliance with that power." The instructions which he had received for his conduct in the approaching congress of Vienna, and which, it is said, were probably drawn up by himself, covered that point as follows:

"In Italy it is Austria that must be prevented from dominating; in Germany, it is Prussia. The constitution of the Prussian monarchy makes ambition a kind of necessity. Every pretext is good in its sight; to converted the continued career to tone that Americans were in danger to took that Americans were in danger to took and that further outling they are a purely military measure and that further military operations in Russia will depend upon agreements reached by the peace conferees. In view of the flood of letters received by members of Congress from anxious parents who have sons among the troops at Archangel, Secretary of War Baker is understood to be trying to get in touch with the commanding officer at Archangel, to ascertain the exact facts in regard to food, clothing, equipment and deaths by disease among the troops there.

Men Are Kept Warm.

Every pretext is good in its sight; no scruple arrests it. Convenience is

Forecast Prussia's Policy.

sity in the invasion of Belgium. "No scruple arrests it;" a treaty is a scrap

nowadays on a different principle from that of earlier times. The progress of civilization will henceforth form our ties of kindred. We ought, then, to endeavor to attract toward us those governments in which civilization is most advanced. There we shall find

might and main for a league of those nations in which civilization is most advanced, and to make a family alliance among all mankind.

The question then arises, it is said, now far does Premier Clemenceau's idea of a "balance of power" differ

idea of a "balance of power" differ from the general plan proposed by President Wilson. It is not interred here that the Clemenceau conception involves two of the allied nations forming an alliance to be exerted against any other group for merely selfish national purposes. Does it not rather portend, they ask, creating all the allies into a combination which means a balance of power so great that no other aggregation of nations can in the future oppose it?

ITALY'S WAR DEAD, 460,000.



BRINGS CHEERING ARCHANGEL REPORT

Martiuszine Says U. S. Men Are in Strategic Positions There.

American troops at Archangel ocalties have been remarkably low, and, his pay. partment by G. A. Martiuszine, representative of the Archangel government just arrived in Washington.

ment just arrived in washington.

This reassuring information conflicts somewhat with the fears expressed in the Senate recently, principally by Senator Townsend of Michigan, who has protested in behalf of the Michigan regiment, included in the Archangel forces, charging lack of food, crothing and a high mortality

Troops to Bemain.

There is no present intention of withdrawing the forces from Archangel, it was learned today, nor have any steps been taken to send reinforcements because of representations that Americans were in danger because they were outnumbered 15 to 1 by the armed bolshevik troops.

It was indicated that the presence of American troops in Russia is re-

It was stated unofficially that the men are protected by the best and warmest clothing that could be obtained against the rigors of a north Russian winter, and no confirmation has been received here of the alleged high mortality rate from disease. Anxiety has been caused by the lack of letters from the men, but it was pointed out that this should not be taken as an indication that any transpointed out that this should not be taken as an indication that any trouble has befallen them, because communication with Archangel is extremely difficult.

It may take some time for the War Department to get its message through and obtain a reply to requests for a report on the conditions

other revolution. Talleyrand wrote a tetter to M. Mole, which was to be shown to King Louis Phillippe, in which he said:

"France ought not to think of making what are called alliances; she ought to stand well with all, only better with a few powers; that is to say, to keep up such relations of friendship with them as find expression when political events present themselves.

Real Family All.

SIMS SOON TO HEAD NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

Vice Admiral Sims will be assigned to duty as president of the Naval War College at Newport, R. I., on completion of his present duty as commander of American naval forces in European waters.

Secretary Daniels made this anouncement today, adding that the nouncement today, adding that the assignment was made at the request of Admiral Sims and that the Navy Department had asked for double the current appropriation for the War College in order to expand the work

COURT-MARTIAL CASES CHANGED BY PRESIDENT

muted to Restriction and Forfeiture of Pay.

more Army court-martial cases. In the case of First Lieut. William Walton, infantry, National Army, at Camp Zachary Taylor, Ky., sentenced to dismissal for assaulting an enlisted man, the President commuted the sentence to restriction to post limits for upy tgood strategic positions, casu- six months and forfeiture of \$300 of congress of the Spartacus group,

sentence of dismissal imposed in the case of Second Lieut. Bake R. Mc-Ginness, air service, convicted of ab-sence without leave and breaking arrest. As commuted the sentence re-

SAID DYING CAPTAIN

"I'm Through," Whispered W. B. Hudson, When Shell Fragment Pierces Heart.

Capt. William B. Hudson of the old is said. District of Columbia field hospital are related by Leslie C. Hines, private, first class, a member of one of the units of the organization, which is now officially designated as the 165th Field Hospital, 117th Sanitary Train, of the 42d, or Rainbow, Division. Private Hines has been invalided back to this country and is in the city on a short leave of absence from Berlin. the base hospital at Camp Dix.

capt. Hudson, according to Private Hines, was in an upper room of a chateau near the fighting front, used as headquarters for the field hospital unit. By means of a big topographical map he was explaining to members of the unit the changes in the allied and American lines and was showing how and at what rooms the lines had

Congress, in Session in Berlin, Spurns Independent Socialists.

which is in session in Berlin, has alties have been remarkably low, and, though the bolshevik troops are officered by Germans and are well supplied with artillery, they show little inclination to fight, according to a present commuted the sentence to verbal report made at the State Deverbal report made at the St of the German Spartacus bund."

The congress was addressed in the name of the Russian soviet by M. Radek, head of the present bolshevik mission in Berlin.

Strikers Attack Soldiers.

GENEVA, December 31 (Havas).—
New disorders have occurred in the
Ruhr valley coal fields, in Westphalia,
Germany. Armed strikers attacked
soldiers guarding two coal mines and
both properties were damaged. The strikers were finally compelled to re-

oke out in German Silessia on Saturday, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Express. Miners who are on strike have seized officers of the com-panies employing them, and under menace of loaded rifles have compelled menace of loaded rifles have compelled them to sign "all sorts of documents," the dispatch says.

It is stated that the disorders are of a Russian bolshevist character, and there has been murdering and pillaging in the affected region. Silesia has been declared a bolshevist republic, it is said.

work at Breslau, where he is editor of the Breslau Volkswacht, according to a semi-official statement published in

MUNICH, December 31.—After a long

have finally begun. Ebert Takes Responsibility.

berg, the German people's commissioners, and who belong to the majority socialists, have published a statement in the Berlin Vorwaerts, the socialist organ, in which they declare themselves to have been re-sponsible for the recent summoning of troops against the bluejackets in

rested by the sailors. Thereupon the commissioners gave instructions to certain military commanders to take the necessary steps to liberate Wels.

The Freiheit, organ of the German independent socialists, in an editorial, says this statement is a confession of fault, and denies the life of Wels was in danger.

According to the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger, reports from Danzig.

According to the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger, reports from Danzig say that thas become known that a secret meeting of Poles held recently in Danzig was raided by Polish soldiers of the Danzig garrison. Also that it has been decided that a Polish expeditionary force will land at Danzig and that the Polish troops of the city will join it.

The town will be occupied, the newspaper continues, and the German people and the German government will be faced by a convenient will be careful by a convenient will be careful by a convenient will be careful by a convenient to convenient to convenient to early convey home. They include the sermon. The services will commence to people to eat the license year 1918 expires to take the license will be grant-ted owners of automobiles to pick out while the license for the coming calendar the comming calendar the conducted by Rev. Dr. J. J. Muir. From 11 to 12 o'clock tonight New York Avenue Presbyterian Church will conduct its usual New Year vigil. There will be a musical an responsive service upon the appropriate will be a musical an responsive service will be a musical an responsive service will be a musical an responsive service will be conducted by Rev. Dr. J. J. Muir. From 11 to 12 o'clock tonight to conducted by Rev. Dr. J. J. Muir. From 11 to 12 o'clock tonight the conducted by Rev. Dr. J. J. Muir. From 11 to 12 o'clo there.

TOR NEW CABINET POSITION.

Railway Executives Suggest "Secretary of Transportation" Be Added NEW YORK, December 31.—The standing committee of the association of railway executives in session here today for the purpose of setting a date for a general meeting of railway executives, when final decision will be made on the proposal of the executives for the return of the lines to private ownership. This proposal will be submitted by them to Congress early in January.

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OVER 24 BILLIONS WAR COST TO DATE

This U. S. Sum Includes Loans Made to the Allies, However.

OUTLAY MOUNTING DAILY

It cost the American people about \$18,160,000,000 to run its expensive war government and make loans to allies in the year ending today, according to computations from Treasury reports.

December expenditures, above two billion dollars, the record of the nation's history, sent aggregate war costs to date to approximately \$24,500,000,-

Of the \$18,160,000,000 paid out of the Treasury's coffers in 1918 probably ten billion dollars went for the Army and the general military establishment, about two billion dollars for the Navy, a billion for the shipbuilding program, a billion for other civil government needs and \$4,150,000,000 as loans to America's brothers in arms.

Outlay Mounting Each Day.

Although hostilities ceased nearly two months ago, the government's outlay each day is mounting on account of the liquidation of tremendous war contracts, and Treasury officials said indications are that the demands on the government in the first month of the new year may be even more than for this month.

With estimates of expenses in the

With estimates of expenses in the last few days not yet actually compiled, officials believe December expenses will run to \$2,100,000,000, or nearly \$200,000,000 more than last month's high record. This includes nearly \$430,000,000 estimated for allied loans, and \$1,670,000,000 estimated for the government's actual expenditures.

in the year they have been on the

Table of Expenditures.

November 1.935,000,000 December (partially estimated) 2.100,000,000 These figures include the loans to allies, which have run at an average of about \$340,000,000 a month.

Automobile Owners in Eleventh-

Hour Dash for Operating

Permits.

number of licenses were issued yes-

Up to the closing of business today

the office has issued only 5,000 of the

approximately 45,000 licenses that

were issued last year.

terday.

Public Pays But One-Third Now. That the public has paid only about one-third of the war's expenses, excluding foreign loans, in taxes, in cash, and two-thirds as loans to be repaid in another generation, is indicated by Treasury figures of collections from various sources. With the last four days of the year not yet tabulated it is 000 from other federal taxes; only \$171,000,000 from customs duties on imports, and the balance, or about \$6,038,000,000, has come into the Treaus-\$6,035,000,000, has come into the Treads-ury from the fourth liberty loan and \$4,171,000,000 from the third liberty loan. In addition \$12,802,000,000 worth of certificates of indebtedness have been sold and subsequently largely re-deemed from liberty loan receipts.

and open-house programs for their members and friends for tomorrow afternoon and evening.

Various women's organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic will meet together in G. A. R. Hall, 1412 Pennsylvania avenue, tomorrow afternoon.

The Young Women's Christian Association will hold open house for girls at its 14th street building all after-

War savings receipts this month amount to about \$60,000,000. **Churches and Missions** to Hold Watch Services The way in which war expenses have mounted from month to month is shown by the following table of ex-

With prayers and hymrs the congregations of the majority of the churches and missions of the city tonight will watch out the old year and the incoming of the new year. Many of the churches will hold services at various hours during the night until midnight, while others will not open services until 10 or 11 o'clock.

dred applicants for licenses. Every dress. Harlay Randel and George D. available clerk in the office has been busy all day issuing the licenses. A. Arnold and Rev. O. J. Randel is to

In the Catholic Churches

In the Catholic churches services are to be held in the early evening. At St. Aloysius Church the choir will sing the "Miserie" at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. Father Paul F. Conniff. S. J., pas-It is expected that the number of licenses this year will exceed that of last. Of the 45,000 cars licensed last year, 20,000 of them were to people from Maryland, Virginia and other nearby states.

Rev. Father Paul F. Conniff, S. J., pastor of the church, will conduct the services, and Rev. Aloysius J. Guiney, S. J., of Brooklyn College, N. Y., will preach the serinon. The services will close with the "Te Deum."

Services will commence at 10 clock.

him for early convoy home. They include the 329th and 330th Infantry of the 83d Division, with a strength of more than fifty officers and 3,400 men each, and the 4th Regiment, air service, including about sixteen aero squadrons.

Situation in Posen Critical.

Herbert F. Randolph.

At Grace Episcopal Church services will begin at 11 o'clock at which there will be special music.

A praise service will start tonight at 11:15 o'clock under the direction of Rev. Bernard Braskamp at Gurley Memorial Presbyterian Church.

At Immanuel Baptist Church services will commence at 10 o'clock and will be conducted by Rev. Gove G. Johnson.

PARIS. December 30. - Presiden Wilson will leave Paris for Italy the coming Wednesday night. Definite ar-(Continued on Second Page.)

President's visit to Italy.

WASHINGTON, D. C., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1918-FOURTEEN PAGES.

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this capital.

this capital.

They say he has harked back more than a hundred years and revived the policy urged by Voltaire, indorsed by Mirabeau and vitalized by Talleyrand. They claim he would have republican France utilize the instrument employed by Talleyrand to support the bourbon legitimacy when he was facing a possible concord of Europe hostile to France, and he now proposes "the balance of power" as the keystone of the league of nations.

Treaty of 1815 Cited.

In signing the treaty of January 3, 1815. Talleyrand gained Austria and England as allies of France and set up the balance of power. In his preface to the published correspondence between Talleyrand and Louis XVIII Pallain says:

Balance of Power Defined. "The balance of power was thus defined:

Europe seeks to obtain:
"First, that the rights and possessions of a power shall not be attacked by one or several other pow-

A Sequence of History. It is held to be a curious coincidence, or rather should it be said sequence of history, that Talleyrand took his stand then to resist the dom-

What an unerring, if scatning, lore-cast of Prussia's policy was thus epigrammatically uttered by Talley-rand, to be borne out by Prussia's subsequent course, diplomatists say. "Every pretext is good in its sight;" witness the claim of military neces-What an unerring, if scathing, fore-

Real Family Alliances. "This kind of relation is formed

most advanced. There we shall find our real family alliances.

Another prophetic utterance, the dip-lomatists say. Now comes the Presi-dent of the United States to work with

Army Command Also Reports 500,

000 as Totally Incapacitated.

Several Sentences of Dismissal Com-

The President has acted on three

pay. The President also commuted the

Details of the death in France of

gas of the exploded shell the men in the room picked Capt. Hudgen up and placed him on a big table, at the same time applying first aid.

"It's no use, boys; don't bother with me," the wounded officer whispered. "I'm through."

These were the only words Capt. Hudson spoke after he was struck, as he died in a few minutes.

The 165th Field Hospital, now commanded by Capt. Henry F. Sawtelle, was at Mersch, Luxembourg, when Private Hines was sent home. Another member of the organization, James B. Mulford, also a first-class private, has been invalided home to recover from the effects of pneumonia, and is in the city for a few days. the room picked Capt. Hudson up

fronts during the war totaled 460,000 dead. Of this number 16,362 were officers. Of the 947,000 wounded 33,347 were officers.

The number of men totally incapacitated by wounds and disease is estimated by wounds and disease is estimated at 500,000.

SPARTACUS GROUP FORMS NEW PARTY

COPENHAGEN, December 31.-The

Bolshevism in Silesia. LONDON, December 31.-Bolshevism

Loebe Declines Appointment. COPENHAGEN, December 31.—Herr Loebe, whose appointment to a place in the cabinet was announced yesterday, has informed the central council of soldiers and workmen of Germany that he does not wish to enter the gov-ernment, preferring to continue his

Exchanges With Czechs Begun. delay and many conflicting reports, it is understood that exchanges re-garding reciprocal trade relations be-tween Czecho-Slovaks and Germany

LONDON, December 30 (British wireless service).—Friedrich Ebert, Philipp Scheidemann and Herr Lands-

Berlin.
In their defense Ebert, Scheidemann and Landsberg say that they had been informed by the leader of the naval division that he could no longer be responsible for the security of the life of Commander Wels, military commandant of Berlin, who had been arrested by the sailors. Thereupon the commissioners gave instructions

D.C. WILL BLEND WAR-END JOY WITH WELCOME TO 1919

TWO CENTS.

Watch-Night Services, Dancing and Midnight Dinners on Program.

COMMUNITY FETE STARTS AT PLAZA AT 10 O'CLOCK

Washington's Second New Year Without the Old-Time "Wet" Toasts.

With dancing on the Capitol plaza, private parties in hotels and watchnight services in the churches, Washington tonight will bid the old year. farewell and the new year a welcome.

farewell and the new year a welcome.

As natives of the District dance and cheer the passing into history of 1918 they will pause to think of it as the year in which the National Capital was transformed by war into a crowded metropolis.

A feature of the evening will be the big community dance, to be held on the plazo of the Capitol by the War Camp Community Service, beginning at 10 o'clock and lasting until midnight. The novelty of the event is expected to attract hundreds. Prayers in Churches.

the last chapter of the war.

This will be Washington's second "safe and sane" non-alcoholic New Year eve, but despite this fact many parties have engaged tables at downtown hotels to see the old year out town hotels to see the old year out and the new year in even without the flowing wine.

Many of the state societies have arranged dances and receptions which will be attended by hundreds of per-sons from the states who came here

Churches of practically every de-nomination have arranged to hold watch-night services. In many of the churches the congregations will give thanks that the year 1918 marks

will be attended by hundreds of persons from the states who came here for war work. Numerous other organizations and clubs will hold dances this evening.

In scores of homes family reunions will be held, especially where husbands, sons or brothers have just returned from the military service.

In the Methodist Episcopal churches throughout the world the watch-night services tonight will mark the beginning of an evangelistic campaign which will continue until Easter.

Among the events for war workers tonight will be a masked dance by the Red Cross unit of the Engineer Corps at the Continental Hotel.

Many Open Houses.

More than a score of organizations have planned New Year receptions

With Prayers and Hymns

services until 10 or 11 o'clock.

A special program has been arranged for Central Union Mission, faze Louisiana avenue. The meetings will start at 7:45 o'clock and continue until midnight, with a change of leader every hour. The first service will be in charge of Jackson A. Winner, treasurer of the mission. Rev. Dr. Lucius C. Clark, pastor of Hamine Methodist Church, will be the speaker.

The second service will start at 9 o'clock, in charge of Charles Randel. At 10 o'clock Joseph Harrison will conduct the service. A converts rally is to start at 11 o'clock and will continue until midnight.

Religious services are to be held at the mission tomorrow at noon, with Mr. and Mrs. John B. Culbertson as leaders, and Mrs. B. H. Smart is to start the religious revenue.

The automobile license tax office leaders, and Mrs. B. H. Smart is to was besieged this morning long before the opening hour by several hundred the control of the control

more than 800 having been paid for speak. From 2 to 5 o'clock a recep-and given out up to noon. A similar tion will be held.